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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leah E. Appel, et al.

Examiner: S. Gollamudi

APPLICATION NO.: 09/745,095

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: Group Art Unit: 1616

TITLE: Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on March 15, 2006, and having an original period for response of three-months, which expired on June 15, 2006, be extended by three- month(s), such that it expires on September 15, 2006.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$1,020.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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